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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In re Application of: Hubbard et al.

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Title: TISSUE AUGMENTATION)
MATERIAL AND METHOD)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following additional Preliminary Amendment to the application:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A biocompatible, resorbable, lubricous carrier for suspending a biomaterial in a tissue augmentation material, comprising a polysaccharide gel having a viscosity between about 20,000 centipoise to about 350,000 centipoise, wherein the polysaccharide gel maintains the biomaterial homogeneously suspended in the tissue augmentation material prior to augmentation of a desired tissue site and during introduction of the tissue augmentation material to the desired site.

21. (Amended) A biocompatible composition for augmenting tissue, comprising a biomaterial for augmenting a desired tissue site and a biocompatible, resorbable, lubricous

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